

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

Amendments to the specification

The amendments to the paragraphs at page 1, lines 8-19, and page 14, lines 1-11, correct minor typographical errors related to a reference. Applicants submit that there was adequate information in the citation, as it originally appeared in the specification, to allow one skilled in the art to obtain the correct reference. Accordingly, no new matter is being added by the amendments.

The amendments to the paragraph at page 14, lines 10-25, correct minor punctuation errors.

Amendments to the claims

Claims 3, 27-35, 40, 43, and 50, are requested to be amended.

The amendments to claims 3, 27-32, 40, 43, and 50 correct minor typographical and/or grammatical errors.

The amendments to claims 33-35 correct minor language inconsistencies in the claim preambles.

No new matter has been added by these amendments.

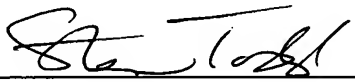
After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-50 will be pending in the application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the present application is now fully in condition for examination. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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